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Thank you to all those employees **that worked our 4th of July event** at the **Park at Harlinsdale Farm**. The Parks Department reports the event went very smoothly thanks to all the extra help. They report after the fireworks were over, the park was cleared of nearly 3,500 cars in about an hour. This is a marked improvement from last year. Thanks to the Parks staff for their planning and handling of this event.



With summer in full swing I thought I'd give everyone a reminder on the **City's Personal Appearance Policy**. **The City expects all employees to dress in a manner that is appropriate to the duties and responsibilities of their positions and conveys an image of self-pride, pride in the organization and respect for other employees and the public.** Clothing should be clean, neat, pressed, and well-maintained. Please see the attached policy and post in your work areas.

Franklin was recently selected to participate in the Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) **Energy Star program**. Franklin will begin to document monthly energy and water usage of all municipal facilities using Energy Star Portfolio Manager, an online software program. The City owns and operates a variety of facilities including administrative buildings, parks, the wastewater treatment plant, and street lights. **Monitoring energy usage will help the City identify under-performing buildings, recognize cost saving opportunities, and monitor the success of any improvements.** The City anticipates having the utility tracking system in place by October. There is no charge for participating in the program and staff will be responsible for uploading information into the system. ICLEI will provide technical assistance. Here is a link to read more about the program. <http://www.icleiusa.org/blog/archive/2011/06/20/franklin-tn-and-south-miami-fl-to-hit-energy-star-boot-camp>

The Countdown to a New You participants lost another 18 pounds this week! The total lost so far is approximately 350 pounds! Keep it up team, there are only two weeks left. This week's lifestyle challenge is figuring out fats.

Tracey Poteete from MIT is the winner of the Mayor's parking spot next week! **Sally Bittner from Fire nominated Tracey.** Sally said, "Tracey is always wearing a smile on her face and anytime I have needed assistance from the MIT Department she is always willing to help to

find a quick answer or to resolve the problem herself. She is always courteous and very professional.” Tracey will begin parking in the Mayor’s spot on Monday, July 11-15. **If you see someone doing a good job, nominate them at agoodjob@franklintn.gov .**

Have a nice weekend everyone and thank you for all you do.

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